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## MEETING OF THE NEW PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY.



In accordance with the invariable custom since the abortive plot of Guido Faux, Beefeaters yesterday searched the vaults of the Houses of Parliament for any concealed barrels of gunpowder. They, of course, found nothing, for the vaults had been previously thoroughly overhauled by the police, but their attendance

at the House in their old-world garb provided a welcome touch of colour in the prosaic modern surroundings, to which not even the most utilitarian Labour member was heard to raise objection. The same men will on Monday next escort the King when he opens Parliament.

## MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ATTENDING ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SESSION.



Above: Mr. Keir Hardie, leader of the Labour Party. Below: Sir William Gordon, member for North Norfolk, entering the gates at Westminster.



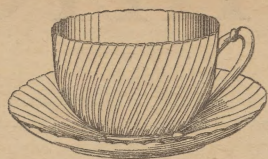
Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman leaving No. 10, Downing-street, after yesterday's Cabinet meeting, to drive down to the House of Commons in his carriage.



Above: Sir Edward Grey, Secretary for Foreign Affairs (left), and Sir Charles Hardinge, formerly Ambassador to Russia (right). Below: Mr. George Wyndham.



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## COMMONS RE-ELECT THE SPEAKER.

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## LIGHT COMEDY SCENES

Mr. Chamberlain's Old Seat Taken by Mr. Harold Cox.

It was a House that seemed packed from floor to gallery with new faces that witnessed yesterday's historic opening meeting of King Edward's second Parliament.

By breakfast-time fully 200 members had "pegged out their claims" by depositing tickets. By luncheon the benches were almost hidden beneath a white mantle of cards.

On the Opposition side the seats beneath the Nationalists were promptly seized by the Labour Party.

In the course of the morning one Labour member was seen to be casting longing eyes at the seat of the leader of the Opposition.

"That's Balfour's seat!" observed his companion, a little dubiously.

"Yes, when he comes!" chimed in Mr. Shackleton, who formed one of the group, and the party heartily laughed as the offender nervously removed his card to a modest seat on a distant bench.

### OVERFLOWING TREASURY BENCH.

At a quarter to two the members began to crowd into the Chamber, soon filling the benches on either side.

Mr. Wyndham was the first of the ex-Ministers to make his appearance.

On the other side, the Chancellor of the Exchequer was the earliest notable arrival.

In a few minutes the Treasury bench was filled to overflowing, the only absentee apparently being Sir E. Grey. The Postmaster-General (Mr. Sydney Buxton) literally nursed the Attorney-General on his knee.

There was no room for Mr. Winston Churchill, who, looking a little dejected, perched on the steps of the Speaker's chair.

Mr. John Burns, whose glossy, iron-grey hair indicated that he had just returned from the barber's, stood, in a new dark lounge-suit, behind the Speaker's chair.

### MR. BROADHURST'S LITTLE JOKE.

Soon after two o'clock a little touch of comedy was given to the scene by Mr. Broadhurst, who, after passing along the Opposition front bench and shaking hands with Mr. Long, Mr. Akers-Douglas, and others, appeared to be steering for the Labour benches.

Suddenly, however, a flush of decision sprang into his face, and promptly the hon. member turned, crossed the floor, and, amid cheers and laughter, sat with the Radicals below the gangway.

At ten minutes past two the portly form of the Premier was seen emerging from the space behind the Speaker's chair. Instantly Ministerials sprang to their feet, and, waving hats and papers, rent the air with loud hurrahs.

As members were awaiting the opening formalities, Mr. Cathcart Watson, the newly-elected member for the Orkneys and Shetlands, entered the House to have his hand wrung by congratulations.

Amid the clamour of voices Black Rod was announced at 2.10, and then commenced the quaint and picturesque formalities incidental to Mr. Speaker's election, which were fully described in yesterday's *Daily Mirror*.

### SIR WILFRID LAWSON'S ENCOMIUM.

On the return of the House from the Hereditary Chamber, Sir Wilfrid Lawson, at the finger-post of the Clerk at the table, rose to formally propose Mr. J. W. Lowther's re-election.

The venerable politician, his notes trembling in his hand, happily endorsed Mr. Lowther's qualifications for the office. He spoke of his "ability, courtesy, and dignity." Mr. Stuart Wortley seconded.

Mr. Lowther, who has allowed his beard to grow again since it was shaven early in the recess, was slightly flushed as, all eyes turned towards him, he rose to acknowledge his election.

He spoke a few happy sentences, "humbly submitting himself to the will and judgment of the House," and then, offering each hand to his sponsors, marched to the chair, acknowledged his election, and received the congratulations of the Premier, of Mr. Akers-Douglas, who led the Opposition, and of Mr. Keir Hardie, the new Labour leader.

In fifty minutes business was over, and members hurried like a flood through the lobbies.

It was noticed that neither Mr. Chamberlain nor Mr. Austen Chamberlain was present yesterday.

By the irony of circumstances Mr. Chamberlain's old seat on the Ministerial benches below the gangway was filled by Mr. Harold Cox, the ex-Secretary of the Cobden Club.

## NINE LABOUR PARTY BILLS.

Significant Selection of Subjects for Immediate Legislation.

## TO DECIDE BY BALLOT.

Brimming over with energy, the Labour representation group of members held a meeting at the House of Commons yesterday long before the election of Speaker was proceeded with.

All twenty-nine members were present, and Mr. J. Keir Hardie, M.P. for Merthyr, who was chosen leader on Monday, presided over the deliberations which, of course, were strictly private.

"We discussed many subjects in which we are interested," said Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., secretary and Chief Whip to the *Daily Mirror*, afterwards.

"The chief business was the question of the resolutions we are going to ballot for," he continued. "Some may be embodied in a Bill for which we may ballot, while others may be confined to a resolution."

Nine Bills for which the party intend to ballot, the *Daily Mirror* learnt, relate to such important matters as:—

Trade Disputes.  
Workmen's Compensation.  
Unemployed.  
Nationalisation of Canals.  
Taxation of Ground Values.  
Old Age Pensions.  
Miners' Eight Hours.  
Miners' Boys' Regulations.  
Steam Engines in Charge of Persons.

After the King's Speech the party will decide which of the above to give special prominence in their programme, and which to concentrate their energies upon.

"I have been too busy yet to have any 'first impressions,'" said Mr. Will Thorne, the popular member for South West Ham, when asked by the *Daily Mirror* what he felt like in the House as a newcomer.

"I can't say I feel at all strange, because for the last ten years I have done a lot of 'lobbying' in connection with various trade-union matters."

### RIFT IN THE LABOUR LUTE.

Mr. Keir Hardie's election as leader of the official Labour Party has given signal satisfaction to Socialists the length and breadth of the kingdom.

Sentiment, however, the *Daily Mirror* learns, largely entered into the voting, and there is a very general feeling that Mr. Shackleton's selection would have given greater satisfaction to trade unionists as a whole. The Socialists who subscribe to the parliamentary fund number 16,000, the trade unionists 900,000.

### TO-MORROW'S UNIONIST MEETING.

The invitations to the meeting of the Unionist Party which is to be held at Lansdowne House to-morrow have all been issued.

Mr. Balfour will preside, and among the other speakers will be Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Lansdowne, Mr. Akers-Douglas, and Sir A. Acland-Hood. The two last-named are expected to direct their remarks specially to the question of party organisation.

The executive of the City Liberals met yesterday and decided that no opposition should be offered to the candidature of Mr. Balfour.

### LORD AVEBURY AND RETALIATION.

Lord Avebury has sent the following reply to a correspondent who wrote to him on the subject of retaliation:—

"I beg to point out that, while Canada charges 20 per cent. on our imports, Holland only charges 2 per cent. Surely, therefore, it would be unfair to give Canada an advantage over Holland under the existing circumstances, and I see no reason to expect that Canada will adopt free trade, though in my judgment it would greatly benefit her agricultural interests.

"As regards retaliation, I wish all those who advocate it as a general system, and especially Mr. Balfour, would read the Blue-book on Continental Fiscal Wars (Report on Tariff Wars between Certain European States, 1903 of 1904).

"The disastrous effects of such conflicts on all concerned is there clearly shown. I do not think the Unionist Party will regain the confidence of the country unless they frankly abandon protection."

A meeting of the Cabinet was held at 10, Downing-street, yesterday, every member being present.

Oxford Union has refused by a majority of 269 to 141 to accept the motion, "That this House welcomes the complete defeat of the Balfour-Chamberlain Party at the polls."

## SUBMARINE'S ESCAPE.

Struck by a Passing Steamer, but Reaches Shore Without Loss of Life.

A marine accident at Plymouth yesterday throws further light on the dangers of submarine navigation.

The victim of the accident, which was fortunately attended by no serious consequences, was the submarine A9. This boat, with three others of the same type, was engaged at the time in a mimic attack on the cruiser Theseus.

The A9 was submerged when the steamer Coath struck the conning-tower, smashing the fore-part of the casing, bending the periscope, and breaking the sight of the periscope.

Although a small hole was made in the conning-tower the submarine immediately came to the surface, and reached the harbour safely.

None of the crew was injured, and the effects of the accident on the submarine were remarkably slight.

There was another narrow escape from disaster in Plymouth Sound during the morning, when the cruiser Essex, leaving the harbour, was carried by the tide against the gunboat Harrier.

In the nick of time the Essex was put "full steam ahead," and the contact was very slight.

### MORE PAY FOR PRODUCING THRILLS.

Musicians' Demand May Have an Awkward Effect in Melodramas.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Tuesday.—Musicians have a depressingly matter-of-fact way of talking about the "shivers" with which they accompany the villain's hoarse mutterings and the anguished heroine's recital of her wrongs.

This trait is illustrated by the Chicago Musicians' Union, which, says the "New York Herald," is demanding an additional \$2 a week for the instrumentalists in theatres where the tremolo nightly causes "cold thrills" to emotional audiences.

The musicians think the work artistic, and want money compensation for the outrage on their sensibilities. It is to be hoped, for the sake of the old familiar melodramas, that they may be induced to continue their services.

### DOWIE DUPE'S LONG AGONY.

Schoolteacher Dies from Burns for Want of Medical Assistance.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.—Miss Estella Smith, the principal of a Zion City school, has just died in agony from the burns caused by a lamp explosion. The Zionist authorities refused to call in medical aid, as the girl was a believer in faith-healing, but ordered thousands of Dowie's disciples to offer up prayers on her behalf.

The coroner will hold an inquiry for the purpose of fixing the blame on the responsible parties.—Laffan.

### MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Mr. A. F. Jeffreys, M.P., was, last night, still in an unconscious and very critical condition.

President Roosevelt has issued an appeal to the American people to assist the famine-stricken population of Northern Japan.

A division of the best Chinese troops has been sent from Peking to Manchuria to maintain order in place of the Japanese, who are withdrawing.

The situation in Macedonia is becoming steadily worse, several conflicts between Turks, Greeks, and Bulgarians having taken place within the last few days.

The marriage at Philadelphia of Mr. W. J. Clothier, the brilliant lawn tennis player, has been fixed for February 21, despite a serious fracture of the thigh occasioned by a fall from his horse.

The English firm which contracted for work in connection with street improvements in Madrid is stated to have lost £2,000, deposited as security, as the scheme has been annulled.

VIENNA, Tuesday.—According to a private telegram received from Debreczin, the wife of Herr Kubelik, the violinist, has presented her husband with a little daughter. Both mother and child are doing well.—Laffan.

At a political dinner to Sir Frederic Dixon-Hartland and Sir Edward Clarke, at Staines, last night the latter said that it would be curious to observe the attitude of the Government if Mr. Redmond moved a Home Rule amendment to the Address.

### TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:—Variable north-westerly to north-easterly winds; very cold; snow or sleet at times; fair and frosty intervals. Lighting-up time, 6.10 p.m. Sea passages will be rather rough to moderate.

## HOPEFUL OUTLOOK AT ALGERIAS.

French and German Delegates Striving for a Peaceful Understanding.

## FRENCH POSITION.

Mystery surrounds the proceedings at Algerias, which are still confined to the French and German delegates.

Two meetings of an informal nature are held every day, and sometimes three. There are not wanting signs pointing to the possibility of a friendly understanding.

Mr. White, the American delegate, is one of those who have become most prominent in their efforts to promote a peaceful understanding. He is confident, says Reuter, that the newspaper polemics are mere bluff, and that the basis for an understanding will presently be reached.

### WHAT FRANCE WANTS.

ALGERIAS, Tuesday.—For the comprehension of the demands of France with regard to the policing of Morocco, it may be stated that these do not go beyond the proposals set forth in the dispatch addressed by M. Rouvier, the French Premier and Foreign Minister, to Prince von Kadow, the German Ambassador in Paris, on August 1, 1905.

Those proposals, and the main reasons for them, were given in that dispatch in the following terms:—

The Shereefian Government has a direct interest in having at its disposal regular and permanent forces, the serious and durable organisation of which will strengthen its authority. This organisation becomes more necessary every day, if the Moroccan Government is to ensure the elementary guarantees to which foreigners are entitled, and which are indispensable to commercial transactions.

(a) As it would be rash to require at once too great an effort by the Shereefian Government, it does not seem that the organisation of these police forces should at first be extended beyond the four ports of Tangier, Larache, Rabat, and Casablanca.

### TROOPS AS POLICE.

For the frontier districts adjoining Algeria this organisation is provided for by special agreements between France and the Sultan.

(b) The bodies of troops to be formed for policing, and which shall be garrisoned at Tangier, Larache, Rabat, and Casablanca, shall be Moroccan, that is to say the men and lower officers shall be Moors.

The Shereefian Government would only have to ask foreign assistance for the elements necessary for the training of its troops.

(c) One of the causes, perhaps the principal one, of the permanent troubles and of the, to a certain extent, constitutional anarchy which desolate Morocco is to be found in the fact that the tribes can procure arms without the least difficulty. To cut short this state of things more is required than prohibitions proclaimed by a Government incapable of enforcing them. The surveillance of contraband in arms must be placed in hands capable of making it efficacious.

The organisation of such surveillance will be one of the most important tasks of the Conference. It can, moreover, be carried out under conditions which, far from infringing the independence or the sovereignty of the Sultan, would become one of its surest and most precious guarantees.—Reuter.

### FOREIGN TROOPS IN CHINA.

Question of Decrease Discussed in View of the "China for the Chinese" Movement.

In British diplomatic quarters in London and Peking, says Reuter, no serious apprehension is felt of a general outbreak in China.

There is a growing feeling which may be attributed to the extension of the idea of "China for the Chinese"; but there is so far no indication of anything likely to bring about a general anti-foreign movement.

The question of decreasing the foreign military forces now in China, to the removal of which the Powers agreed in principle last November, is the subject of discussion among the foreign representatives at Peking.

The Taotai has been sent to Canton to endeavour to reconcile the Viceroy and the people.

### PARDON FOR CADET WHO KILLED A COMRADE

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.—The President has pardoned Mr. Meriwether, who was dismissed for "hazing" at Annapolis Military Academy, after being convicted of having occasioned the death of a fellow cadet.—Laffan.

During a storm of hail Mr. Witt, K.C., was buried yesterday afternoon in the picturesque churchyard of Finchampstead, Berkshire.



## CRAMPED HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Plea for the Complete Reconstruction of the Chamber.

### SIX PARTIES FOR TWO.

The opening of Parliament has once more called attention to the overcrowding of the House of Commons.

Mr. Beresford Pite, professor of architecture at the Royal School of Art, who was seen last night by the *Daily Mirror*, advocated a radical change.

"The interior of the House of Commons at present is stupid," he said. "From the point of view of the architectural accommodations it is a scandal. The lack of facilities would astonish anyone except an Englishman. There is so little facility for writing that the Leader of the House has to write on his knee the report of the proceedings which are to be sent to the Sovereign.

Would Cost £100,000.

"Without in any way affecting the external appearance of the House of Commons, and without disturbing the general plan, the seating of the members could be changed so that the interior, instead of being stupid, would have the appearance of grandeur. It could be done handsomely for £100,000.

"By simply absorbing the lobbies, the House of Commons could be enlarged so that there would be plenty of room. Instead of botching it in this way, however, it would be better to rebuild the interior.

"Although it would not be possible to replace the present building by one semi-circular in form without entirely removing it, this is what should be done. The space now occupied by the Star Chamber and the House of Commons Court could be used, and these two spaces would afford enough room to build a satisfactory Senate Chamber such as are found in all modern parliamentary chambers, the idea dating back to the Greek theatre.

DESK-TOPS SHOULD BE NAILED DOWN.

"In such chambers the floor rises in tiers from the tribune upwards, and in the case of the present House of Commons the entrances could be arranged from the upper tiers. One advantage would be that the last tiers would act as galleries, and the voting lobbies could be erected under a colonnade supporting the roof.

"In such an arrangement, however, I should strongly advise that the desk-tops, unlike those in the Austrian Parliament, which recently has lost its reputation, should be fastened down so that the members in opposition to the Government could not use them to drown a speaker's voice, as has been done in Austria.

Sitting in Opposition.

"It may seem a curious thing, but, to my mind, the Gothic architecture of the present House of Commons and the idea of sitting in 'opposition' to the Government has perpetuated the two great parties. In my opinion, but for the arrangement of seats, England would have five or six big parties, as in France.

"That is the gravest danger about changing the architecture at the present time, for with the semi-circular arrangement it would mean the breaking up of the great Liberal Party into small parties.

"Now is the time to make the change, however, if it is to be done, for if the Liberals do not do it no one will. It would take about one year to make the change, and during this time the House of Commons might meet in Westminster Hall, or what is better—they might take a year's holiday."

### LAST OF THE ELECTIONS.

The general election was brought to a close yesterday with the announcement of the result of the contest for the Orkney and Shetland seat, which was as follows:—

J. Cathcart Watson (L.)	3,837
C. J. Dunlop (U.)	1,621
L. majority, 2,216.	NO CHANGE.
Incl. L. majority in 1902, 1,672.	

### BALANCE OF PARTIES.

Should no changes be made at the forthcoming by-elections, the new Parliament will be composed of the following members:—

Liberal	379
Nationalist	83
Labour	61
Unionist	137
Government majority	336

### ELECTION PERSONATION CHARGES.

Three men at Belfast were returned for trial, charged with attempted personation at the West Belfast parliamentary election. The prosecuting solicitor stated that there would be probably eighteen charges against one of the accused. The successful candidate, mentioned the prosecuting solicitor, got in by seventeen votes.

## ROYAL LYING IN STATE.

Imposing National Tribute to the Late King Christian of Denmark.

COPENHAGEN, Tuesday.—At six o'clock this morning the remains of King Christian were removed from the Amalienborg Palace to the Christianborg Church. Immediately behind the hearse followed the Crown Prince, Prince Waldemar, the Princess Marie, the Court-Marshal, the Chief Equerry, and other officers of the Court.

On the arrival of the procession at the church a prelude was played on the organ, and the body placed on the catafalque erected for its reception.

Court-Chaplain Linnemann offered up a short prayer, to the faint strains of the organ, and the royal mourners then left the church, the organ again playing as they filed out.

Prince Waldemar and Princess Marie returned later and remained some time arranging the wreaths and decorating the building with flowers. Their Royal Highnesses were subsequently joined in the work by the Dowager-Empress of Russia, Queen Alexandra, the new King and Queen, the Crown Prince and Princess, and the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland.

From an early hour this morning immense crowds assembled to await their turn to pass before the coffin.

Between the hours of ten and twelve and one and three to-day over 15,000 persons passed before the coffin, and at three o'clock, when the chapel was closed for the day, several thousands were turned away.

On behalf of the Emperor William, Prince Reuss, Secretary to the German Legation, has laid a wreath upon the coffin of King Christian, bearing on a white ribbon the inscription: "William II., German Emperor, in gratitude and veneration to his paternal friend."—Reuter.

Queen Alexandra had ordered to be sent from Sandringham a beautiful wreath for her father's funeral, and the tribute was dispatched from London yesterday.

### FROM OUR QUEEN AND HER SISTERS.

COPENHAGEN, Tuesday.—The inscription on one wreath on the late King's coffin has a pathetic interest for British people. It runs: "From your ever loving and most sorrowful daughters, Alexandra, Dagmar, and Thyra. Farewell, farewell, till we meet again."—Reuter.

### PRIMATE ON POVERTY PROBLEMS.

Archbishop Davidson Urges People To Try To Find Out Why the Distress Exists.

"No one looking at London to-day, and comparing its poverty with that of twenty-five years ago, could fail to see marked contrasts," said the Archbishop of Canterbury at St. Thomas's Hospital yesterday.

His Grace, who was presiding over a meeting convened by the North Lambeth Charity Organisation Committee, added that the difference was that people used to feel it was the right thing to satisfy the emotion of sympathy aroused by some particular need.

Now they were asking how this poverty arose, and if they sought the cause they might prevent hundreds of such cases in the day to come. This was a far kinder thing than to satisfy a need of the moment.

### PRINCESS ENA'S BETROTHAL.

The Bishop of London Expresses His Disapproval of the Idea of "Conversion by Order."

A letter appears in yesterday's "Times," over the signature of the Bishop of London, with reference to Princess Ena's reported conversion to the Roman Catholic faith.

"However urgently private remonstrances may have been made," says Dr. Ingram, "they are not known to the public, and your correspondent is therefore justified in assuming—however mistakenly—that no protest has been made at all.

"Therefore think it right to state publicly that such protests have been made by those who felt that it was their responsible duty to do so. They have been made not at all against an alliance with a friendly and honourable nation, nor against any genuine and convinced acceptance of the tenets of the Roman Catholic Church, but what seemed to be the possibility of a 'conversion by order' (if I may use this phrase) from one faith to another."

### REPORTERS DECLINE THE BACK DOOR.

Reporters attending the meeting of the North Riding Education Committee, yesterday, refused to report the proceedings because, in spite of their protests, they were ordered to enter the new county building by a back way.

Two prominent members who had prepared speeches declined to deliver them in view of the fact that the meeting would not be reported.

## IMITATION FURS.

Furrier Propose That Misleading Names Should Be Dropped.

### RIDICULOUS "FOXALINE."

Purchasers of furs will be interested to learn that furriers throughout the kingdom have been called to a general meeting to discuss the advisability of continuing to sell white-hare skins under the name of "foxaline."

Already the majority of the members of the trade, who have replied to a circular issued by the fur trade section of the London Chamber of Commerce, have declared in favour of the dropping of the name.

They think its use is misleading. Inexperienced persons may buy it under the impression that they are obtaining white fox, or something closely connected with it, just as many people buy flannelette thinking it to be a cheap kind of flannel.

"The only possible way to prevent white-hare being sold as 'foxaline,'" said a member of the London Chamber of Commerce to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, "is for aggrieved purchasers to bring an action against the retailers under the 'Merchandise Marks' Act." It expressly states that the vendor must prove that the article sold was not calculated to deceive."

Vogue Likely to Last.

"The question will be just as serious next year," said the manager of the Furriers' Alliance to the *Daily Mirror*, "for white furs are not likely to decline in popularity, although in fashionable circles silver fox will be in great demand for coats and while seals will be provided for stoles. Russian sable will, of course, retain its popularity.

"At the same time, with those with limited purses white furs, which are so universally worn this year, will still be popular. They are divided into four classes—ermine, being the most expensive, white fox and broad tail next, then Caracul, Mongolian lamb, and squirrel, and lastly 'foxaline.'"

Chinchilla has been so much sought after this winter that the prices have risen to from £4 to £5 a skin—a matter of considerable consequence, as over 100 skins are required to make even the smallest lady's jacket.

The cause is that the Chilean Government, fearing the extermination of the animal, has issued a decree forbidding the trapping of chinchillas, so that skins reaching this country are pocheed, and highly expensive.

The price of bastard chinchilla, an inferior skin which is exported by the Argentine Republic, ranges, however, from 15s. to 40s. a skin. It only reached 25s. last year.

### TRADERS' PROTECTION.

Hint That Precautions Were Neglected in Regard to the Recent "Princess Soltykoff" Case.

Sir Samuel Montagu, Bart., M.P., presiding over the annual meeting of the London Association for Protection of Trade yesterday, said that during the year £1,340 debts were sent in for collection, and £404,493 was collected for the members.

The adoption of the report was seconded by Mr. J. L. Breeze, who mentioned that the swindler, "Princess Soltykoff," who was sentenced last week at the Old Bailey for fraud, once called on the secretary of the association to complain that they knew a great deal more about her than she cared for them to know.

If the tradesman whom she duped had only consulted the association they might have obtained such information as would have saved them from the deception. All sorts of inquiries were received by the association. Gentlemen who were about to be married had on occasions written to ask the association about the financial standing of their intended wives.

### CIVILISED MAN'S GREAT LOSS.

Forgotten Secret of Breathing Responsible for Sallow Complexions and Consumption.

"Irremediable harm," said Dr. G. Norman Meachen, in a lecture on "The Throat and Larynx," at the Institute of Hygiene yesterday, "is done by the inculcation of wrong methods of speaking, singing, and breathing."

"Deep breathing, if persistently practised, in season and out of season, in the street and at the office, for a few minutes at a time, would soon bring the roses back to the faded cheeks, and dissipate the sallow complexion."

"Lung diseases, especially the dreaded scourge of consumption, would become less prevalent if people would carry out this simple exercise, which is merely an imitation of Nature's method with primitive man, who, in running and leaping, unconfined by clothing, develops excellent lung capacity, and uses it to the full."

In a refreshment-room at Exchange Station, Liverpool, Robert Gray, an elderly commercial traveller, of Cheetham, Manchester, died suddenly yesterday.

## FALLING BIRTH-RATE.

But Fewer Deaths, Especially Among Infants, Are Some Consolation.

More matter for gloomy predictions by those who see in the decline of the birth-rate a symptom of decay is provided by the Registrar-General's quarterly return, issued last night.

The birth-rate for the last quarter of 1903 in England and Wales was 25.5 per thousand per annum. This is the lowest rate recorded in any fourth quarter of the year since civil registration was established. The mean rate in ten preceding fourth quarters was 28.

Success shows the lowest birth-rate in counties with a population exceeding 700,000, the figures being 19.6, and Monmouthshire the highest, 32.2.

Considerable consolation may be derived, however, from the fact that the infantile mortality was at a lower rate than has been previously recorded for a fourth quarter. The deaths of infants under one year old numbered 120 for every thousand births, as compared with the mean rate of 148 in ten preceding corresponding quarters.

The death-rate as a whole showed a decided decrease also, being 14.8 per thousand per annum, as compared with the mean rate in ten preceding corresponding quarters of 16.9.

### HEAVY SNOWSTORM IN ENGLAND.

Cut-of-Doors Work Suspended in Places Owing to Continued Severe Weather.

The wintry spell is lasting longer than the previous capricious weather led one to expect. Snow fell heavily yesterday over the greater part of England, although in the south it did not lie.

In Lancashire it is lying in drifts, and in many places outdoor operations have been suspended.

Rough weather is still experienced at sea. All hope has been abandoned at Newport (Monmouth) of the safety of the barque Valparaiso, which was expected from Norway. It had a crew of thirteen. The Sunderland steamer Queen Wilhelmina was towed disabled into Belfast harbour yesterday.

The statement that the steamer Forbury had been lost off Lough Beg, says Reuter, to be incorrect.

### HILDA'S CAPTAIN DEFENDED.

Chairman of L. and S.-W. R. Finally Gives the Lie to Sinister Rumours.

Referring to the Hilda disaster, Sir Charles Scotter, at yesterday's meeting of the London and South-Western Railway Company, stated that a letter had appeared in a daily paper urging that the relatives of those who were drowned should leave no stone unturned to get at the exact truth, and suggesting that the captain was, for some reason, to have been retired in the present year.

His answer to that was that there was not a syllable of truth in the suggestion. Captain Gregory was one of the most experienced and respected of their captains. He was fifty-six years of age, and could retire when he was sixty. There was no intimation of his being retired before that time.

### THE KAISER'S NEW CRUSADE.

Touched by the Sufferings of Home-Workers, He Will Abolish "Sweating" in the Fatherland.

The Emperor of Germany yesterday presided at a Council for the consideration of several subjects of domestic interest, including (states Reuter) the question of work done in the homes of the workers and the policy to be pursued towards the Poles in the eastern provinces of Prussia.

It is believed that the Kaiser intends taking some action on behalf of the sweated workers of Germany.

A few weeks ago an exhibition of goods made at home by women and children was held in Berlin. The Kaiser paid a surprise visit, and was horrified to learn of the miserable prices (sometimes working out at as little as a farthing an hour) paid to the workers.

### FUNERAL OF LADY HOWE.

The funeral service for the Countess Howe will take place at Gopsall, Leicestershire, to-morrow afternoon at 2.45.

A memorial service will be held simultaneously at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and not at the Chapel Royal, St. James's, as previously announced.

### MINER'S WIDOW CLAIMS £5,000.

With a view to ascertaining who is liable for the Wattstown Colliery explosion in June last, when 119 lives were lost, action is being taken in the interest of Mrs. Mary Daniel, whose husband was killed, and who claims £5,000 on behalf of herself and six children.



## WILLIAM THE BOATMAN.

Stalwart Son of the Sea's Com-  
posure in the Divorce Court.

### LOVE IN LEAFY LANES.

"William," the engaging Teignmouth boatman who is co-respondent in the Bates divorce case, is becoming quite a lion at the Law Courts. People drive down from the West End in carriages on purpose to see him.

What does this modern Viking, who is alleged to have won the love of a lady of high degree, look like? Has he the blue eyes and the long flaxen hair associated with Vikings, or is he of the bold, black buccaneer type?

Such are the questions that a visit to the Divorce Court sets at rest. William belongs to the solid, stolid class of boatmen. He stands six feet high, and weighs over fifteen stone. His broad countenance is both bronzed by the summer sun which shines when he takes ladies out for rows, and wrinkled by the icy winds that blow when he takes his place in the Teignmouth life-boat.

#### Good-Humoured Smile of the Boatman.

As a rule his features are expressionless, but a good-humoured smile plays over them when such matters as the possibility of his giving Mr. Bates a thrashing are referred to.

So great was the eagerness in the gallery to get a good sight of William yesterday that several of the visitors incurred the displeasure of the usher. They leant over in a manner which threatened disaster both to themselves and William, who stood dumbly.

"Sit down there," cried the usher. William promptly and obligingly moved from his retiring position at the back of the court, and took a prominent place at the solicitors' table.

An example of William's playful wit was given by a girl who used to be a servant at the house where Mrs. Bates lodged at Teignmouth. The girl once upbraided William with having been seen walking with Mrs. Bates. In reply, William ordered the girl to tell that lady that he, William, was there waiting for orders about the boat. The girl hesitated.

"If you don't go," replied William, "I will kiss you."

William, it will be remembered, has been accused of being altogether too liberal in dispensing his kisses. Mrs. Bates has herself admitted that he snatched a kiss from her quite uninvited when she was out in his boat with him.

#### Romantic Devonshire Lane.

The girl who disdained William's kisses had other romantic adventures to tell. There is a lane near Teignmouth, leafy and secluded, known as "Mills-lane," or, more romantically, "Lovers-lane," on account of its popularity with young men and maidens who like solitude for "tête-à-têtes."

In this lane, the girl declared, she had seen William sitting with Mrs. Bates in a loving attitude. She, the witness, was walking with her own "young man" at the time.

The Court had abandoned itself to the sentimental contemplation of these romantic happenings when it was rudely called back to the prosaic realities of life by a fact elicited in cross-examination by Mr. Duke, K.C.

Also sitting on the seat, it appeared, was Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Bates's mother, whose presence would be all against exhibitions of tenderness. Mr. Duke sternly rebuked the witness for "having attempted to conceal" this attendant circumstance.

Almost equalling the romance that would have attended the "Lovers-lane" incident, if it had not been for Mr. Duke, was another thrilling situation that was a theory of the witness, not what she had actually seen. Mrs. Bates' bed once, by showing evidence of having been unoccupied, led the girl to suppose that Mrs. Bates had spent the night elsewhere.

"But," objected Mr. Duke, "she could only get out through her sister's room."

#### Window Episode Suggested.

"She might have got out by the window," explained the romantic servant.

Mild in comparison was the romance offered by a description on the part of the same witness of how William once took Mrs. Bates and her mother to see a play called "The Yokels," which was being performed in the Pier Pavilion.

When Mrs. Bates got out of the bedroom window—if she ever did such a thing—the suggestion is that she appeared at a Dawlish temperance hotel with the boatman. A waitress from this Dawlish establishment was quite sure that she had seen William and Mrs. Bates there, but the proprietor and his wife refused to speak positively.

A large man certainly had visited the hotel, said the proprietor. He was too bulky to be a commercial traveller. (Laughter.)

When the case is resumed to-day Mrs. Bates and William will deny the stories told about their meetings by boatmen, constabularymen, and servants.

## ACTRESS SEE "NERO."

Actresses' Huge Hats a Nuisance at Mr. Tree's Professional Matinee.

"We are more pleased with your applause than you are with our acting," said Mr. Tree at the concluding curtain of the professional matinee of "Nero" at His Majesty's Theatre yesterday. "Which is saying a good deal," he added, as an after-thought, quite in keeping with Nero's imperial conception of himself as an artist.

His Majesty's was packed with masters, students, and tyros of stagecraft, and the company extracted the utmost dramatic ounce from a theatrical masterpiece. Mr. Tree, tried before a tribunal of professional peers, achieved a marked triumph.

Are professionals less enthusiastic than the average public? must be answered in the affirmative. But theirs is expert enthusiasm which has a corresponding high value.

Forty per cent. of the feminine side of the profession is plunged in favour of the huge matinee hat nuisance.

Mr. and Mrs. Tree and several members of his notably gigantic company towered above a hedge of tulle, alights, and satin bows. A few players of lesser stature were swamped from view by aggressive chiffon choux.

The heartiest artistic appreciation, applause, and approval of his professional brethren greeted Mr. Tree and his talented company. The entire audience remained to the final fall of the curtain. Each seat was filled, and standing room throughout the theatre was densely occupied. Three candidates had been declined with regret for every seat available from floor to ceiling.

"Nero" is an imperial piece, imperially set and acted. And it was rightly received at the special performance for members of the dramatic profession only.

## VICTORY FOR POST OFFICE WORKERS.

New Postmaster-General Recognises the Right of Combination Among Those He Governs.

The Postmaster-General (Mr. Sydney Buxton) has, by his official announcement published yesterday, recognised the right of officials working under him to combine.

In the document in which this announcement is made Mr. Buxton states:—

"All servants of the Post Office have full liberty of making representations to the Postmaster-General in regard to any matter which affects them. I have prepared frankly to recognise any duly-constituted association or federation of postal servants. He is willing to receive representations from the members or representatives of the association if they be in the service, or through its secretary, whether he be a member of the service or not, on matters relating to the service as a whole.

In regard, however, to matters solely affecting the individual, and not his class or branch of the service, the appeal is to come from the individual himself."

## WINDFALLS FOR THE BUDGET.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Watching Receipts from Death Duties with Absorbed Interest.

By grants of probate, issued yesterday, there is a much brighter prospect of the expectations of the late Chancellor of the Exchequer of the receipts from death duties reaching £13,000,000 being fulfilled.

The late Mr. Henry Bingham Murray, of the banking firm of Barings, has left estate worth £569,315 ls. 11d., and Mr. William Cunard, a director of the famous steamship company, has left £224,914 6s. 7d.

These, with a number of lesser estates, yesterday enriched the exchequer by about £120,000, but, to realise the Chancellor's hopes, the death duties should bring in about a quarter of a million weekly for the remainder of the financial year.

## TRACKED BY A TRAIL OF BLOOD.

At Hay Mills, on the outskirts of Birmingham, the police early yesterday morning found Mrs. Bainbridge suffering from a severe wound in her throat and in a critical condition.

The police, following a trail of blood to her husband's home, found Bainbridge had committed suicide.

## FINGER-PRINTS OF MUMMIES.

"There is no change in the finger-prints of 699 persons out of 700 between their birth and death," says the Commissioner of Police in a new publication. Marks on the fingers of many Egyptian mummies still remain legible.

## ELASTICITY OF THE ENGLISH TONGUE.

The rider of a bicycle in Oxford-street was variously described yesterday in the Shoreditch County Court as a youth, child, young man, lad, kiddie, youngster, gentleman, and boy.

## WORSHIP OF WEALTH.

Mr. Longworth's Wedding Ushers Chosen for Their Millions.

## MISS "ALLUS'S" GOOD-BYE

Miss "Allus" Roosevelt, as she is called in America, gave, at the White House, Washington, last evening, telegrams our New York correspondent, the last entertainment over which she will preside before her marriage. It was a "boy and girl" dinner-party, and dozens of youths and maidens made special journeys from New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and Chicago, in order to toast the bride-elect.

Dinner was served in the state dining-room, which was the scene of one of the noisiest and jolliest parties which has ever assembled at the White House.

One of the greatest difficulties which Mr. Nicholas Longworth, the bridegroom, had to face has at last been settled. He has chosen his ushers.

He had to choose the wealthiest men from his personal friends. The wealthiest the ushers were the better, for the multi-millionaires invited to the wedding could not be insulted by being ushered into their seats by poor men, however distinguished their position or heritage.

#### Six of the Nine Are Rich.

So it was that Mr. Longworth, or "Nick," as the papers call him, chose six of the nine ushers for their wealth. The rest, members of very influential families, had to be invited, in spite of their poverty. The following table gives the names of the nine ushers, their professions, and the amount of money they own:—

Lars Anderson, diplomat	£3,400,000
Thomas Nelson Perkins, lawyer	2,000,000
Quincy Adams Shaw, copper merchant	550,000
Francis Reginald Bangs, lawyer	400,000
Buckner Wallingford, dealer in pig-iron	320,000
Guy Norman, banker	200,000
Viscount de Chambrun, diplomat	50,000
Frederick Winthrop, gentleman	25,000
Theodore Roosevelt, jun.'s (college student) yearly pocket-money	300

Mr. Perkins, the possessor of two millions, has been chosen as best man.

It is now reported that after the wedding on Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Longworth will leave for one of the Southern States, where the honeymoon will be spent, and that they will afterwards come to England to be introduced at the Court of St. James's by the American Ambassador and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid.

Miss "Allus" was eager to accept Mr. Whitelaw Reid's invitation and to come straight to London, but the President vetoed the arrangement.

"Ah, wait till I am Mrs. Longworth," archly replied his daughter; "then I do as I like."

All America seems to have stopped work in order to talk about the wedding. The only people who are attending to their business are the members of the Christian Science Temperance Union. They are protesting vigorously against the use of wine at the wedding breakfast.

## HAPPY BRIDEGROOM'S RETORT.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.—The House of Representatives, by 155 to 57, threw out the Bill for the whipping-post for wife-beaters in the district of Columbia.

Mr. Longworth, Miss Roosevelt's fiancé, voted against the bill, and laughingly said: "I am a married man, just now to vote for any such measure.—Lafan.

## DANGEROUS DELAY.

A Timely Word of Great Importance to Those with an Eye to the Future.

Delay is proverbially dangerous. The truth of the proverb will be sooner or later recognised by those who have hitherto neglected the opportunities for education and advancement in life afforded them by the "Harmsworth Self-Educator." Part 9 of this invaluable work is now on sale everywhere, and those with an eye to their future career will be very foolish if they allow this week to pass without making the acquaintance of the "Educator."

Such a book is a prime necessity in this age of fierce competition, when success in any trade or occupation is altogether dependent upon the amount of brain power one is able to put into one's work. The "Educator" is a book written for the practical by the practical, and no ambitious person can afford to dispense with it.

To buy the first nine parts, and thus get up-to-date, the cost is only 6s. 3d., and the subsequent thirty-nine fortnightly parts cost the trifling sum of 7d. each.

## BANK CONDEMNED AS A BUBBLE.

In the Winding-up Court yesterday Mr. Justice Warrington, on the petition of Messrs. E. Cook and Son, made an order for the compulsory winding-up of the Builders' Bank, Limited.

Mr. Stewart Smith, K.C., for the petitioners, said that the company was a "bubble, a sham, and perhaps something worse."

## MISPLACED COCKADES.

Herald of Arms Points Out That Great Personages Wear Them Wrongly.

In a letter to the *Daily Mirror*, Mr. G. Ambrose Lee, York Herald of Arms, draws attention to the mistake which hatters make in placing the cockade on the right instead of the left side of cocked-hats.

"The photograph on your front page of Monday," he says, "shows all the great personages in sight thus wrongly wearing it, although on ordinary hats it is invariably placed on the left side, and also on every cocked-hat until quite recently."

"This a glance through any old book of naval or military portraits will prove. I have personally examined hundreds of prints and pictures of the latter part of the eighteenth and early part of the last century, and have never seen a cockade placed anywhere on a cocked-hat except on the same side as the sword and medals."

Mr. Lee explained to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday why this should be.

"The original form of the cockade," he said, "was a tuft of cock's feathers, worn by soldiers on the hat. If worn on the right side the drooping feathers hindered the wearer in shooting. It was worn, therefore, on the left, so that it faced the enemy as the wearer stood sideways to shoot."

But the cockade is not merely misplaced; it is misused also.

"The cockade is in such common use now," said Mr. Lee, "that it has become quite meaningless."

"It is really a relic of the old times, and belongs only to those who hold a commission under the Crown, such as officers in the regular forces and the Volunteers. Worn by a servant, it signifies that the wearer serves one who defends his country. It is used also on the cocked-hats of Court or official dress."

You may see the cockade worn by the servants on the carriage of a widow or maid—distinguished by a lozenge on the panels. In a case like that it is, of course, absurd."

## RED-TAPE CHARITY.

City Merchant Denounces the Methods Which Let the Workless Starve.

A prominent City merchant joined yesterday in the chorus of complaint at the red-tape methods used by the Central (Unemployed) Body for London in administering the money allotted to London from the Queen's Unemployed Fund.

"If the whole truth about the management of the fund were known," he said, "there would be a public outcry."

"So long as distress committees were voluntary, and had to struggle for existence, they were active and accomplished something."

"Now that the central committee has become a statutory body with a 'pull' on the rates, however, it is paralysed by red tape. It even looks as if some of the officers were making their jobs last as long as possible."

"I consider that the fund should be administered by the Local Government Board. If Mr. John Burns had control of the money, perhaps the unemployed might be relieved before they starved."

## VICAR'S "USURPATION" PUNISHED.

Rev. R. C. Fillingham To Be Deprived of His Living if He Does Not Repent.

The Rev. R. C. Fillingham, vicar of Hexton, has been given a fortnight in which to repent. If within that time he does not acknowledge his offence and promise not to repeat it, he will, the Dean of Arches declared yesterday, be deprived of his living.

The case against Mr. Fillingham, which has been before the Court of Arches for some time, was that he ordained the Rev. A. C. White, the Non-conformist minister of Emmanuel Church, Southend, contrary to the instructions of the Bishop of St. Albans.

The defence was that the proceedings were not illegal, and that Mr. Fillingham knew no law by which he was forbidden to ordain a man in the Church Universal.

The Dean said that Mr. Fillingham's act was a usurpation of the powers which belonged to the Episcopate.

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## FEAST OF ST. VALENTINE.

Modern Lovers Allow an Old Custom To Fall into Desuetude.

### POSTMEN INDIFFERENT.

Postmen, in many cases, are scarcely aware that to-day is St. Valentine's Day. Nothing could more strikingly illustrate the decline of an old custom—rather a charming one, after all—than this circumstance.

Not long ago postmen, carrying loads of perfumed billets, from which came a delicate aroma, were in no danger of forgetting the lovers' festival; to-day, not a single sorter has been added to the Post Office staff, nor has one employee worked overtime, so slight was the increase in the mail.

"Some years ago the valentine mail was enormous," said an official at the General Post Office to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday. "In London alone the valentine packets were above the million mark."

#### DECLINE OF LOVE-MAKING.

"The various post offices, as at Christmas, were choked with the mail, and our men worked far into the night to relieve the congestion—not to mention the additional hands that were required."

"Mail sorters were asked last year, however, to estimate the number of valentines passing through the central office. The number seen was between 7,000 and 8,000. Judging from these figures, I should say that in the whole of London, with its ninety-eight delivery centres, not more than 50,000 valentines were dealt with."

"Whether or not the postal-card valentines will give new life to the custom remains to be seen." All kinds of theories are advanced for the decline of a custom which at one time placed thousands of pounds in the pockets of stationers. The most current idea is that the collapse of the custom has followed the decline in love-making, illustrated by the luke-warm love-letters which have recently come into the courts.

Even boys and girls have become too "practical" to design to dispatch scented valentines to each other.

### "LIFE" OF A MOTOR-OMNIBUS.

Present Vehicles Capable of Five Years' Work, Covering 130 Miles a Day.

Will the present motor-omnibuses be antiquated in two years, as Mr. H. Clinch, chairman of the Associated Omnibus Company, suggested at the annual meeting of the shareholders?

In the opinion of the secretary of the "Vanguard" companies, they are likely to last at least five years, although "changes are taking place all the time."

The new omnibuses we are receiving now are superior in many ways to those of a year ago. But we have an arrangement with the manufacturers whereby improvements are added to existing omnibuses.

"There is no reason to suppose that they will be obsolete in two years. Why, the first motor-omnibus ever run in England was started four years ago at Hastings, and I know the identical vehicle is still in excellent order."

"And," he concluded with a smile, "there have been vast improvements and changes during the past four years."

### "THE GENTLEMAN'S" IN NEW HANDS.

Old-Established Magazine's Interesting Programme for Its Fresh Series.

The time-honoured "Gentleman's Magazine" will begin a new series on Friday, under the editorship of Mr. A. H. Bullen.

Among the articles in the February number will be the first of twelve papers on the Pepsian Treasures at Magdalene College, Cambridge; Some Recollections of George Gissing; The Real Claverhouse; and The Adventure of the Mongovo George (containing curious extracts from the diary of the captain of a Liverpool slaver at the end of the eighteenth century).

Retrospective reviews will henceforth be a leading feature of the "Gentleman's Magazine"; several columns will be devoted to correspondence on literary and antiquarian subjects; a succinct record of the public events of the previous month will be given; and "Sylvanus Urban" will resume his Notebook.

#### MOVING WITH THE TIMES.

"Such is popularity," said the Dover licensing magistrate yesterday with reference to a local public-house that had in turn been named the Sir Garnet Wolseley, the Lord Wolseley, and the Lord Roberts.

## LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

The Queen has consented to give her patronage to a bazaar at Stafford House on May 29, for the benefit of the poor of St. Mary's Parish, Whitechapel.

Mrs. Ellen Duffy, a member of a well-known King's County family, has died at Athlone at the age of 103.

Major G. L. Holford, Esquerry to the King, was awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's gold medal for a group of orchids at yesterday's show at Vincent-square, Westminster.

Falling from the "flies" at the Waldorf Theatre during the performance of "The Superior Miss Pellender," Arthur Wright, a lime-light operator, received injuries from which he died yesterday in hospital.

Sir Charles Wyndham, Miss Mary Moore, and the entire London company paid a flying visit to Birmingham, where they gave a matinee performance, returning to London in time for the evening performance.

A lady at Hindhead, Surrey, having planted a row of laurels upon the roadside waste, to prevent the dust from motor-cars being blown into her house, the Surrey County Council have decided that this is an encroachment, and yesterday ordered the removal of the hedge.

The captain of the Ditchling (Sussex) Fire Brigade, responding at a public dinner to a fire-brigade toast, said his brigade had not been very busy during the year, and, although he did not wish anybody harm, he could not help saying that a fire or two would break the monotony.

Lord Tweedmouth has informed the Mayor of Aberystwyth that in future the Naval Reserves will drill at sea, and that shore batteries on the Welsh coast will be abolished.

The Duke of Connaught has consented to become a patron of the South Africa Temperance Alliance.

Frank Lee, who has established an electro-pathic institute at Bristol, was fined £10 by the local Bench yesterday for using the title of "Dr."

The Board of Education has ordered the Roman Catholics who are building the new school at Keyham-Barton, Devonport, to furnish it themselves.

Teddington's new lock, the largest on the Thames, has, according to a statement made at yesterday's meeting of the Surrey County Council, cost £27,000.

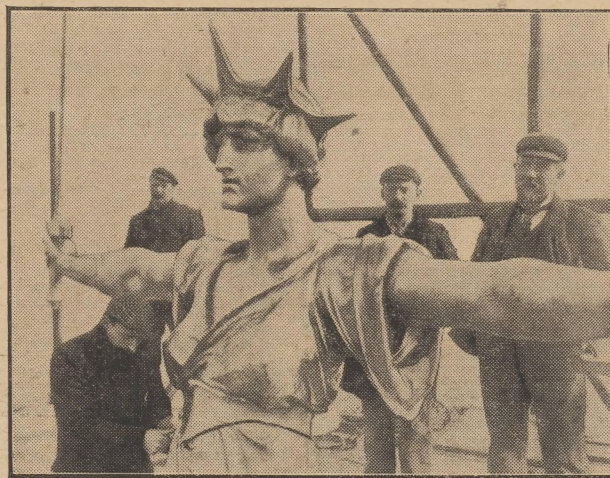
A daughter of Sir William Broadbent, the eminent physician, is co-operating with the Mary-lebone medical officer in forming a health society for the borough.

Several miles of the River Exe have been dragged, in an attempt to recover the body of Mr. Tucker, of Tiverton, who has been missing for over a fortnight.

Burglars entered the house of Mr. D. J. Alexander, J.P., at Dinas Powis, near Cardiff, early yesterday morning, and took away plate and jewellery worth £200.

Eighteen scholarships in cookery, tenable at the training school in Buckingham Palace-road, will be awarded by the London County Council in April to candidates who have been at least twelve months in domestic service.

### JUSTICE AT THE NEW "OLD BAILEY."



Uncovered yesterday for the first time, the above figure of Justice now adorns the outside of the rebuilt Old Bailey.

It has been decided to allow mixed bathing next season at Rhyl, the popular Welsh seaside resort.

At Islay, Argyllshire, a young woman has carried off the first prize in a ploughing match.

Thirty "flowering and ornamental trees" are to be planted in the parish churchyard in High-street, Wandsworth.

By the side of his wife, daughter of Mr. T. Burt, M.P., the late Mr. James Annand, M.P., was buried yesterday at Newcastle.

At Rippingle, Lincs, a rabbit-catcher has just had the unusual experience of catching a badger, which weighed 30lb., in one of his traps.

The X Battery Royal Horse Artillery is to be equipped with the new quick-firing guns, being the first battery to receive a full complement of them.

"The Keir Hardie" hat, of soft felt, after the fashion worn by the leader of the Labour Party, is a conspicuous object in East London hat shops.

Their demand for a shilling increase of wages having been refused, Belfast shipwrights, to the number of about 15,000, will come out on strike next Saturday.

For threatening to shoot Sir Alfred Jones and various officers of the Elder-Dempster Line, Ellen Maher, formerly a stewardess, has been bound over at Liverpool to keep the peace.

During the last two weeks £3,211 has been received by the Church of England Waifs and Strays' Society, which, since its foundation twenty-five years ago, has rescued 11,508 children.

In view of the ancient connection of the Buffs (East Kent Regiment) with the City of London, the King has approved of the Lord Mayor presenting new colours to that regiment within the City on May 16.

The widening of the King's-road, Chelsea, at an estimated cost of £88,000, is recommended by the local borough council.

London Corporation has decided to ask the Government to appoint a Royal Commission on the whole question of supplying electricity in bulk.

Mr. George Robey, the comedian, has organised a team of international football players to meet the Everton eleven at Goodison Park, Liverpool, this afternoon, in aid of local charities.

Dr. Fulcher, the Chingford (Essex) medical officer, reports that only five persons died in Chingford during January, and of these four were aged ninety-five, seventy-five, seventy-two, and sixty-five respectively.

Mrs. Claude Calthorp has lent, for exhibition in the Stepmey Public Libraries, four pictures by her late husband, entitled "Work Girls," "The Pantomime Fairy," "The Confessional," and "Bad News."

Boleyn Castle, East Ham, from the tower of which Anne Boleyn is said to have watched the passage of Henry VIII. along the Thames, now being used as a reformatory school, is shortly to be sold at auction.

Lambeth Workhouse officials, who have hitherto been provided with tea at 1s. 6d. a pound, while that of the inmates cost 1s. 4d., have just been informed that only tea at 1s. 4d. is to be used in the establishment in future.

Mr. Conor O'Kelly, M.P., Mr. John O'Dowd, M.P., and Mr. Joseph Mills, J.P., were yesterday informed that the Crown has abandoned the criminal conspiracy charges against them in reference to an evicted farm at Belmullet, Ireland, the first hearing of which ended in the disagreement of the jury.

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## A HOUSE OUT OF ORDER.

IN every other Parliament but our own each member has a seat and a desk allotted to him. They bear his name. He can always be sure of getting them. In our Parliament there are not nearly enough seats to go round, and no desks at all. No private member can be sure of securing a seat, even for one particular session; unless he lines up at midnight, like a gallery-boy outside a theatre door, and makes a wild, undignified rush into the House as the clock strikes twelve.

This state of things is typical of the mess and muddle into which nearly all departments of public business have fallen. We have twice increased the number of members of the House of Commons without increasing the accommodation for them.

The consequences are that during an important debate the House is crowded to suffocation with members sitting on the floor or standing about wherever they can, while at the opening of every session the silly scenes which took place yesterday morning are repeated regularly, to the contemptuous amusement of the people at large.

There are many reforms needed in the House of Commons. It ought to meet at a reasonable hour and give up doing its work while the rest of the world is going to bed. It ought to muzzle windbags and never let any member speak for more than ten minutes unless the House decides to hear him longer.

It ought to abolish the dreary business of taking votes by walking through lobbies, and to adopt some sensible, up-to-date plan that would both save time and reduce fuss.

But the first thing the new Parliament ought to do is to build a new House, unless the old one can be so enlarged and altered as to make it businesslike and complete. H. H. F.

## THE SECOND MISS ROOSEVELT

Can it be possible that Miss Alice Roosevelt has a sister?

One scarcely ever hears of the American President's other children. One of the sons, we knew, had nearly succumbed to the national game of football, but he, together with the rest of the family, seems to have lived what has been practically a private life—a life strenuous, no doubt, but still relatively obscure.

But now the American papers are breaking to the public the fact that the second Miss Roosevelt is to "come out" in a few years time. The announcement, we confess, fills us with an unmistakable feeling of horror.

What! In a few years time, shall we in England and they in America be going through another Roosevelt boom? When Miss "Allus" is no longer Queen of America, shall we have to face the appearance of another like her? Will there be more tours round the world, more luncheons given only to girls, more fabulous extravaganzas and wedding-presents and Arabian Night achievements? It makes, as the poet says, "the sense faint picturing it."

And the terrible part of the prospect is that the second paragon will almost certainly try to outdo the first. The first is to marry plain Mr. Longworth. We are convinced that the second will not be content with such an anticlimax. She will do something more sensational and wed the Grand Lama of Tibet or the Emperor of China or some other decorative potentate of a religious or political kind.

L. M.

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Millions of spiritual creatures walk the earth unseen, both when we wake and when we sleep.—*Millen*

# THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT'S exaltation to the seventh heaven of notoriety proves once again that America is indeed the paradise of women. It is true that they generally leave their paradise, and come to live in Europe (with the accent on the second syllable), but in America alone are they treated as divinities whom men are born to serve. Miss Roosevelt ought now to be taken as the national symbol—a "Yankee Doodle girl." It was absurd, from the first, that Yankee Doodle should have been a man.

Everybody knew, of course, that this wedding would stir America to its depths. But such an excitement as now surges there was scarcely imagined. Applications for admission to the wedding are being refused in thousands, and I mentioned the other day a kind of league which has been formed amongst certain disappointed ladies to gain admission at any cost. It is extraordinary, by the way, to see how effaced the other children of the President have been during the whole affair. It is generally supposed that the daughter of his first wife stands first in the affections of Mr. Roosevelt.

tary psychology, for production, or reproduction, in London, but Mlle. Bady had made a great personal success in it in Paris, and she is certainly admirable in the one really effective scene she has.

"Resurrection" has five acts and a prologue, and we were warned on the programme that there were to be ten minutes between each act—that meant at least fifty minutes of solemn waiting, and, as a matter of fact, the intervals were much longer than they were supposed to be. One cannot help wondering sometimes what on earth French actors or scene-shifters can be doing behind the scenes. You think, after the intolerable interval, that you will be rewarded by some wonder of scenic display. But no such thing—there is only a very tumble-down-looking "set" when the curtain at last goes up. All these disadvantages, however, were excused by the admirable performance of Mlle. Bady. She is to appear in what ought to prove a much better play than "Resurrection" to-morrow night—in "M. Bataille's" "Marche Nuptiale."

Colonel C. E. Yate, who is to lecture before the Central Asian Society this afternoon, has written a good deal on Persia, and knows parts of the country well. Persia is rather fashionable just

## OUR LILLIPUTIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS.



Because the House of Commons is not large enough to hold all its members at the same time, and because no places are allotted to members, there is an undignified struggle at the beginning of every session to secure seats. Here, as in a theatre queue, members are seen waiting for first places.

velt. That is no doubt true, but still he has often acted with a certain amount of severity towards her, and found her something of an infant terribles.

During the last few months, for instance, what trouble he has had, what alertness he has had to show, in the refusal of the impossible projects urged in connection with his daughter's wedding! People who wanted to build her palaces, or present her with crowns, or cheques, or bags of gold, people who wanted to clothe her in Tyrian magnificence—have all had to be cooled off. The bride herself, however, rather likes the idea of these absurd presents, and some of her friends say that she finds "poppa" too cautious. There is never any real disturbance in the affection between them, even when he has to request her not to be seen smoking cigarettes at Delmonico's, which, in her charming schoolboy humour, she has occasionally been known to do.

The faithful patrons of the New Royal Theatre are certainly made to pass through a strange variety of moods by the management of French plays. An absurd farce, in which M. Gallipaux was at his best, is followed this week by the performances of Mlle. Berthe Bady in "Resurrection." It was perhaps unfortunate that the management should have chosen this dreary play, with its very elemen-

now, and young men who have never heard of anything are becoming dimly aware that there is some day going to be an important Persian question, so they go out there to study it, with vague hopes of being considered authorities, and perhaps getting seats in Parliament when they return.

Colonel Yate's book on Persia showed that he viewed the mysterious country with the eye of the practical Englishman—rather stolidly, with an occasional lift of enthusiasm on questions of sport. He was Consul-General for the two provinces of Khurasan and Sistān some years ago, and his book gave an interesting account of the celebrated turquoise mines of Khurasan which are worked, apparently, in a very primitive manner, and most of the turquoise sold as coming from them are really made of dyed clay or some other worthless substance.

The waifs and strays of London are as much a "burning question" as ever the unemployed are, for they are the future voters of this metropolis. An earnest effort for the benefit of the society which befriends these little people is being organised by the members of the Belgrave Choral Society by performing at Caxton Hall, Caxton-street, Victoria-street, S.W., on February 14, Coleridge Taylor's beautiful and popular cantata, "Hiawatha."

## THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

### STARVING CLERGYMEN.

Archdeacon Sinclair is reported to have said at Eastbourne that a large portion of the clergy are on the "verge of starvation," and "people do not realise that the Church of England needs re-education." What is really needed is Disestablishment and Disendowment.

It may be in the recollection of some that a Bishopsgate rector passed a long period of his life at the seaside in the enjoyment of £1,100 a year, paying his locum tenens £150 a year. Another rector, in Great Tower-street, worked on exactly the same lines; while a late Precentor of St. Paul's pocketed the modest sum of £1,000 a year for over twenty years (his own living in Essex being £800 per annum), while he never once entered the Cathedral because it was "getting too high."

Could not the canons, or even the Archdeacon himself, sacrifice some of their £1,000 a year each for their poorer brethren in the Ministry, or even dispend with the £10 10s. fee for the Sunday night's sermon?

Hampstead, N.W.

FAIR PLAY.

### THE CHURCH AND THE POOR.

With regard to the problem of "A. F.'s" leader, "The Church and the Poor," and the question, "What ought the Church to do in order to guarantee that the ground it has lost? May I be allowed to state that I can remember the time when the services in the Church were plainer than they are now, and the poor were to be found there in larger numbers in free seats allotted to them?"

Now the services in most churches are conducted with great pomp and ceremony, led by a surpliced choir and processional hymns. How is it possible in these circumstances for the poor and working classes to join in the service and singing?

Adopt again the plain and simple service, in which the rich and poor can unite, and the Church will soon gain back the ground it has lost.

Esher House, Worthing.

G. A. MILLS.

### THE QUEEN'S UNEMPLOYED FUND.

It makes one's blood boil to read the account in the *Daily Mirror* of the extravagance in spending £25,000 to distribute £42,000 "charity."

The whole way of dealing with the unemployed is absurd. If every trade would have a small weekly payment all the year round from the employed for the benefit of the unemployed of their own trade, they would be able, except in very bad times, to support them, and if those very bad times occurred, and a charitable fund became necessary, the fund ought to be distributed to the trade unions societies who know how to deal with their own class—who are workers, and who idlers.

Notting Hill, W.

JOHN BOWIE.

### LADIES IN SMOKING CARRIAGES.

I object to the presence of ladies in smoking carriages.

(1) Because there ought to be at least some carriages on every train which men can have to themselves.

(2) As the accommodation is limited, the presence of ladies keeps out those for whom the carriages are intended—viz., smokers.

Brighton.

A BACHELOR.

## A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Mr. J. W. Lowther.

A NEW Parliament, a new Premier, new parties, and now a new Speaker—almost everything is new in the political situation, which gives one a vague hope that a "new life" may be beginning for the country.

Mr. J. W. Lowther, who was yesterday formally elected as Speaker has proved, by holding the positions of Chairman of Ways and Means and Deputy-Speaker with equanimity for ten years, that he was well suited to the arduous and passive duties of his new position.

At first sight it might seem that he had disqualifications. There was his beard, but that is gone. Besides, though Lord Selby (Mr. Gully) has no beard, Lord Peel has, and he was one of the most successful Speakers ever known.

There was, secondly, Mr. Lowther's gout. That has, unfortunately, not gone, and at first it made people shake their heads. How, they said, can a man be good-tempered with gout? Yet of a Speaker good temper is required before all other virtues. Well, Mr. Lowther has kept his good humour in spite of his gout, and if it has survived that affliction it will survive even the continuous word-battles of the House of Commons.

### IN MY GARDEN.

FEBRUARY 13.—Blue flowers are always delightful in a garden. To-day three families of plants, which will bear blossoms of this beautiful colour, can be seen making growth.

Antennaria aculeata, found in all old-fashioned English gardens, is a truly lovely Alpine, its vivid blue flowers being a great joy in early summer.

Larkspurs are quite indispensable. Great masses of them should rise here, there, and everywhere. Lastly, there are the Siberian scillas. Their blossoms already shynessy peep up, and, in a few weeks, great blue carpets will be spread round many a leafless tree and shrub.

E. F. F.



# PHOTOGRAPH

LATEST TYPE OF MASTLESS CARGO STEAMER.



Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co.'s new steamer Bellerophon, photographed while docking at Birkenhead. Instead of masts, she is fitted with huge derricks for discharging cargo.

BORN AT THE WORLD'S FAIR, AGRICULTURAL HALL.



George and Herbert, two lion cubs just a month old, born at the Agricultural Hall.



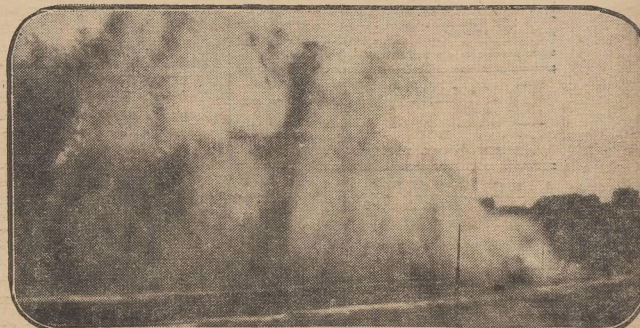
Two baby leopards, three weeks old, and Vic, their foster-mother.



Baby camel, nine days old, with its mother. After their long stay at the Agricultural Hall, the animals revel in the sunshine at Reading, where the photographs were taken.

# CURRENT

SEA BREAKING OVER THE



Visitors to Scarborough in the summer have little idea of the appearance of the famous promenade by the North Bay during a winter gale. The above interesting

MEDIEVAL AND MODERN LONDON.



As the Beefeaters marched to the Houses of Parliament yesterday their quaint Tudor costumes contrast with the sombre clothes of the civilian onlookers.

DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT ON



Seated on the right by a chair is the Duchess of Connaught, who has accompanied the Duke of Connaught to South Africa on his official inspection of the troops garrisoning the Colonies. Next to her Highness is Lady Hely-Hutchinson and Sir



# EVENTS IN PICTURES

## MENADE AT SCARBOROUGH.



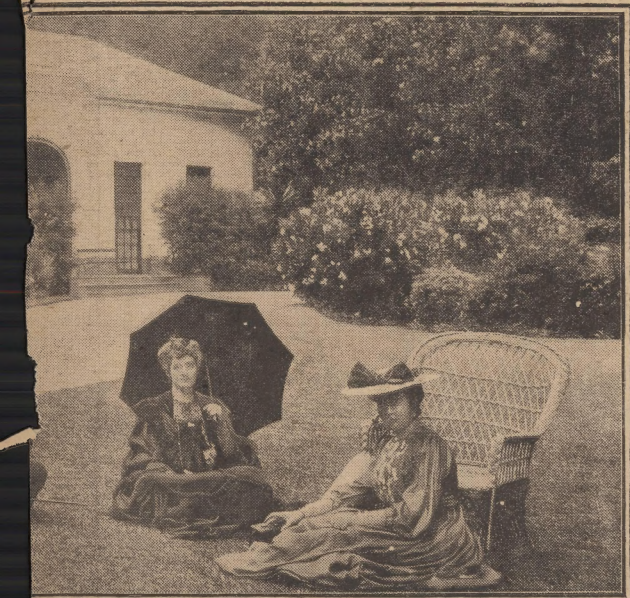
snapshots show the high seas sweeping the roadway from end to end. It will be noticed the gas-lamps have been demolished by the waves.

## MISS ROOSEVELT'S FUTURE HOME.



The new Longworth mansion at Washington, bought by Mr. Longworth for his bride.

## LAWN, AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, CAPE TOWN.



alter Hely-Hutchinson, the Governor of Cape Colony. On the extreme left is Princess Patricia of Connaught. The photograph was taken on the lawn at Government house, Newlands, Cape Town. (Peters, Cape Town.)

# SNAPSHOTS

## SNAPSHOTS IN DOWNING STREET YESTERDAY.



(1) Sir Henry Fowler on his way to the Cabinet meeting yesterday; (2) Mr. John Morley entering No. 10, Downing-street, where the Cabinet meeting was held; (3) Earl Carrington carrying a huge dispatch box; and (4) Mr. Haldane, Lord Tweedmouth, and Mr. Sydney Buxton (reading from left to right) walking to the meeting.

## FRENCH FISHERMEN VISITORS TO MR. CHAMBERLAIN.



Stormbound at Torquay, six French fishermen walked up to the Imperial Hotel to see Mr. Chamberlain, of whom they had heard so much and seen so many cartoons. Their walk was fruitless, as Mr. Chamberlain had left for town.



# THE BROKEN LAW.

By J. B. HARRIS-BURLAND.

## CHAPTER XXIX. (continued).

### Literature and Finance.

"My dear Mr. Lampirithy, I really—I am so busy this morning. I will look at them to-night. I'm sure it will be most interesting—ah—" He paused as though a sudden thought had struck him, "if you would only consent."

"Consent to what?" asked Mr. Lampirithy sharply.

"To our publishing these views of yours. 'The way to run a newspaper, by the richest man in the world.' There's a headline for you. If you would only consent. It would be worth money to us."

Mr. Lampirithy did not reply. But he smiled at the suggestion. Under the circumstances it was distinctly humorous.

"But we are disagreeing," continued Mr. Mallard. "You were talking of the new contract."

"Please read that paper," insisted Mr. Lampirithy. "I want your opinion. This may mean business for you."

"Business?" queried Mr. Mallard. "Oh, well, of course—"

He commenced to read the paper, which contained the views expressed by Father Francis on the previous day. Mr. Lampirithy watched his face, and observed the occasional smile, and the slight shrug of the shoulders.

"It does you credit, Mr. Lampirithy," he said, handing the paper back to the millionaire. "They are the views of a thoughtful man, and all the more creditable because they come from the brain of a millionaire. They show, if I may say so, a soul above money. Yes, certainly you must let me publish them in our paper."

"I darsay it can be arranged," said Mr. Lampirithy drily, "but how does the idea strike you? Would you care to run the 'Daily Biograph' on these lines?"

Mr. Mallard laughed heartily.

"I have had ideals myself," he replied genially, "but one is forced to set them aside in the stress of business. I darsay you have felt the same way yourself. It would be a fine thing to run the Biograph on the lines you suggested for your own paper, but—well, I run my paper to make money."

"And you think a paper run on these lines would lose money?"

"It might not lose money, but it would make very little."

"Yet all the ideas I have suggested might be worked up—by a clever man like yourself—into a clever staff. A sensational little paragraph, you know, about people who have done good in the world. Bright, snappy little articles running down the worship of money, showing the evils of wealth, the happiness of the simple life. Why, such a paper would cause something of a sensation."

"For a day, yes, but I would certainly—and I speak as a practical business man—I would certainly not advise anyone to sink money in it."

"H'm," said Mr. Lampirithy thoughtfully. "Well, now, about this contract?"

Mr. Mallard looked sharply at the speaker. He wondered why the conversation was being switched so rapidly from the subject of the paper to the contract. "I would suggest an advance of five per cent. on the present prices," he said quickly. "I recognise, of course, that paper is remarkably cheap just now."

"It is, as you say, remarkably cheap. The price will, as a matter of fact, rise considerably. In a few months time paper will cost nearly twice as much as it does to-day."

"Twice as much?" queried Mr. Mallard, with the smile of superior knowledge. "My dear sir, I'm afraid you have not mastered all the details of the business. There is a price beyond which paper cannot rise. If such an advance as you speak of were to take place, every newspaper in England would cease to exist."

"H'm, yes! Perhaps so. But they might charge more—say, 2d. a copy."

"Ridiculous," said Mr. Mallard, "ridiculous. It would be impossible. The public would never stand it."

"Yet such an advance is quite possible," continued Mr. Lampirithy. "Has it never struck you that a combination of the various interests is possible. If such a thing took place they might put paper to any price they liked."

"Not if they wished to sell it," replied Mr. Mallard. "They wouldn't cut their own throats by asking a price which no newspaper could possibly pay."

"Well, we shall see. But, as to the contract, we are willing to renew it, at a price somewhat in advance of the old terms—say, fifty per cent."

Mr. Mallard looked at the speaker in blank astonishment. Then he laughed—a trifle—evidently, for he thought he was in the presence of a lunatic.

"My dear Mr. Lampirithy!" he cried, "what-ever do you mean? Surely you are joking."

"I am in earnest. Fifty per cent. on the old price—these are our terms."

"I'm afraid, then, we shall not be able to do business. Hughes and Allen have wanted to supply us for some years. Surely it was waste of time to come to me with such a wild proposition as this."

"Not at all," replied Mr. Lampirithy quietly. "I'm afraid you won't get much better terms from Hughes and Allen. I have a controlling interest in their business as well."

"You?" exclaimed Mr. Mallard. "What do you mean?"

"Why, just what I say!"

"Well, there are plenty of other manufacturers."

"Oh, yes, plenty, but I'm afraid you will find their terms all about the same."

Mr. Mallard's jaw dropped and his face grew pale.

The interview, which hitherto had seemed like a ludicrous waste of time, had suddenly assumed a more serious aspect. Then he suddenly rose to his feet, and leant across the desk. A pile of congratulatory letters went flying to the floor.

"What on earth do you mean?" he exclaimed savagely.

"What are you driving at?"

"I mean," Mr. Lampirithy replied calmly, "that the paper combine is already an accomplished fact. The paper trade of the world is in my hands."

"Great heavens!" gasped Mr. Mallard; and then he sank back in his chair, and mopped his white face with his handkerchief. Mr. Lampirithy smiled.

"I can, of course, ask what price I like," he said after a pause.

Mr. Mallard regained his composure, and his keen business mind reassured itself.

"You want profits," he said calmly, "want to sell your paper, I suppose. No one will buy on those terms."

"I have, as you know, plenty of money," Mr. Lampirithy replied. "If I like, I can pay as much as I want. But I have a proposal to make to you, Mr. Mallard. Do you remember the details which I gave you just now—my scheme for the ideal paper?"

"Yes," said Mr. Mallard angrily. "And of all the rubbish—"

"Wait a moment," interrupted Mr. Lampirithy. "I think if you study this well you will see that a paper conducted on those lines might be a good and successful paper. I hope, for your own sake, that you will be able to look at the scheme in that light, for if you agree to run the 'Daily Biograph' on those lines I will let you have your paper at a price which will cost you five per cent. less than you are paying now."

"Impossible!" said Mr. Mallard. "Ridiculous. No newspaper could be run on those lines. I absolutely refuse."

"Then I'm afraid you will have to pay fifty per cent. more than you are paying at present."

"This is robbery," shouted Mr. Mallard, "blackmail! I refuse to be coerced! The Press is free in this country!"

"Yes, but unfortunately the paper it is printed on is not. No newspaper can be run at all if paper advances fifty per cent. I believe you said so yourself."

"I'll start my own mills."

"Indeed?" Mr. Lampirithy queried sarcastically. "And stop the issue of your newspaper till the mills are erected?"

"No; buy your paper at a loss."

"Oh, no," said Mr. Lampirithy quietly. "I have provided for that. If you set up mills, you shouldn't have any of my paper at all—at any price. Besides, I have purchased the patents of all the best machinery in the trade. I can assure you that I have overlooked nothing. I am used to big jobs of this sort."

"Why have you picked us out for this mad scheme?" cried Mr. Mallard. His cheeks were flushed, and the veins stood out on his forehead.

"You are not the only one. I am going to purify the Press of this country. You can take it as a compliment that I have come to you first. If you're wise, you'll make the most of that."

"I'll expose the whole business—to-morrow. I'll show you; Mr. Lampirithy, what the power of the Press is like." He stretched out his hand to a bell, and then paused. Mr. Lampirithy had risen to his feet.

"You won't be such a fool," said the millionaire quietly. "You know that if you carried out your threat the 'Daily Biograph' would cease to exist in three weeks' time. I should have no mercy."

"I believe you are mad," exclaimed Mr. Mallard. "What's your game? Is this all a pose, or do you really—?"

"I am in earnest. I wish to do good in the world."

"One would think you had been listening to that fellow who calls himself Father Francis," said Mr. Mallard with a sneer.

"Perhaps I have. But that is none of your business. I'll give you forty-eight hours to consider my offer—not a minute longer. It will give you time to make inquiries and satisfy yourself that you can't get paper except on my terms."

"I shall write to every firm this afternoon."

"Excellent! You will also have time to study my scheme, and see if you can't make something good out of it. Here are the details." He drew the paper from his pocket and handed it to Mr. Mallard, who took it without a word.

"Good-day," said Mr. Lampirithy, with his fingers on the handle of the door, "and please remember that if a word of this interview becomes public property you will have to turn your attention to some other business."

He opened the door and closed it behind him. Mr. Mallard rang the bell for his shorthand clerk, and dictated telegrams. From editor to printer's devil, every living soul in the office of the "Daily Biograph" was destined to feel the lash of Mr. Mallard's tongue for many hours to come.

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## THE MONEY MARKET.

Paris Bourse Not Timid About the Algeciras Conference.

### CONSOLS FIRM.

CAPEL COURT, Tuesday Evening.—The recent successes of the New South Wales and other new issues are evidently spurring the providers of new loans to vigorous effort. To-night Hong Kong offers £1,100,000. The Algeciras fears seem to be vanishing, and so there is less uneasiness in the Consol group, while the talk of recent buying of bills in the London discount market by foreign houses, and the general firmness of the securities of the international group most in favour with Paris seem to show that the French are not very timid about Morocco developments. So Consols hold their own, rallying to 90½, and, generally speaking, there is more buying than selling in the gilt-edged market.

Home Rails, though very quiet, seemed rather to have overcome their difficulties to-day, and were a firmer market until the close. There was then a rather duller tendency for most of the speculative counters. It is safe to put this down to the poor traffic showings made by the South-Eastern-Chatham and other lines to-day. However, it does not seem the time for passenger traffic, and quite likely the showings of the trade lines to-morrow may put better heart into the market. Another adverse influence was the closing down of the accounts of a Liverpool speculator.

### GRAND TRUNKS' ACTIVITY.

The New York Stock Exchange was keeping holiday owing to it being the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday. But now there is more disposition to hope for revival, and at all events, there seemed to be advance Wall Street orders here in London, no doubt to give the New Yorkers the idea that London was a buyer. At all events, it had the effect of making the American Rails better. But they closed rather dull.

With Americans better there was a willingness to put up Canadian Rails, and more especially Grand Trunks, in which the speculators seemed to be resuming activity. Whether due to harvest traffic expectations or not, there was also a firmer tone for Argentine Rails. And, in fact, most Foreign Rails were better. The reason is in some cases that there are rumours of deals, and one thing or another, which, whether well founded or not, at all events give the speculator something to do and think about.

### COPPER SHARES ON UP GRADE.

We mentioned above that Paris favourites seemed good in tendency, and undoubtedly the comparative firmness of the leading foreign stocks during all this period of Morocco uncertainties has been a noteworthy point, and has done much to reassure markets generally. The copper shares continue on the up grade, and it is safe to put it down to the buying on behalf of American interests, as well as France.

The Kafir market looks better. It was better in the morning, however, than it was at the finish. It may be mainly due to the closing by recent speculative sellers for the fall, but there has been less disposition to attach importance to the native unrest, and another reassuring Bank cablegram perhaps caused a rather better feeling.

### PROPOSED OMNIBUS COMBINATION.

Among the copper shares Mount Lyells were put up to-day on the publication unofficially of various estimates as to earnings. Perhaps the West African market was not quite so active as it has been of late, but there was really not much cause to complain of any of the mining stocks to-day.

Some people saw in the brewer market a rather steadier tendency after the recent weakness. Hudson's Bays were one of the outstanding features to-day, and closed strong, being helped perhaps by the success of the new Canadian Land issue, the prospectus of which was advertised recently.

For the rest, perhaps there was a better feeling for Anglo-American Telegraphs, owing to hopes of good business. In the omnibus group a little interest was taken in the talk of the negotiations now going on in connection with the combination of the older omnibus companies to protect their interests against the newcomers.

### EX-SOLDIER'S MEAN DECEIT.

Single Man's False Pleas of Married Poverty Severely Punished.

For imposing upon Mr. Algernon Tudor Craig, secretary of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, Alfred Williams, discharged from the Army in 1901, was charged at Westminster with obtaining charitable contributions.

By means of letters representing domestic distress and his own illness during foreign service, he obtained assistance. Yesterday the police stated that he was not married, and had previously obtained money by false pretences.

Craig, who was already undergoing imprisonment, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

## CLERGYMAN LICENCE-HOLDER AT ROYDON.



The Rev. Samuel Whitfield Thackeray has taken the Fish and Eels public-house at Roydon, Essex, as he believes a good tavern promotes temperance if well conducted. In the photograph he is seen behind the bar ready to serve customers.

## MONEYED WAITERS.

How Small Fortunes Are Amassed from "Tips" in Leading Hotels.

Substantial wealth is frequently amassed solely from "tips."

"Head-waiters make more money in less time in London than in any other city in the world—but they keep the fact to themselves," said the manager of the Hotel Cecil to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday.

"Unquestionably the richest members of the fraternity are the principal waiters at the leading London hotels. There is no telling what they make," said the *Daily Mirror's* informant, "but their incomes must run well into four figures."

"I know of one instance where a head-waiter—an Alsatian of a very economical turn of mind—at a London hotel returned to Alsace not long ago to enjoy in retirement a snug fortune of between £15,000 and £16,000 he had accumulated in 'tips.'"

"Charles Miller, who I see is to-day reported to have retired from service at the Astor House Hotel, New York, with an estimated fortune of £20,000, is by no means the richest waiter. Oscar Tschery, the head-waiter, or superintendent, at the Waldorf Astoria, I should say, is a millionaire, and he is still working. He is probably as much interested in the business as the proprietors."

### LUCRATIVE POSITIONS.

"But generous 'tipping' is not restricted merely to the large hotels. It is much more difficult for a visitor to get past the head-waiter at a small establishment."

How lucrative such positions are was proved on further investigation. The *Daily Mirror* learnt of a head-waiter at a well-known private hotel in the West End, patronised by exalted personages, whose receipts have never totalled less than £1,500 a year even when the season is supposed to have been slack.

All waiters through whom visitors settle their accounts are naturally in the best position for receiving "tips," and they are the envied of their lower-priced brethren.

It is a comparatively easy matter for a successful waiter who has saved a little money to start in business as a restaurateur on his own account in London. Brewers, bakers, butchers, or other tradesmen are often only too glad to help him, especially if he is well known.

Dining out is on the increase—so are the number of hotels—and waiters who are on the high road to fortune are those who study the peculiarities of customers and contrive to transform a casual patron into a regular visitor at his particular table.

Waiters are not the only people who make money at hotels and restaurants. Carriage and other attendants at well-known resorts frequently receive five-pence notes from wealthy patrons.

In October, 1904, it may be recalled, William McCullough, one of ten attendants in the cloak-rooms at the Carlton Hotel, sued the management in the Westminster County Court for £83 19s., as his share of £891, which represented the "tips" contributed by customers who used the rooms

during the eighteen months he was employed there.

The attendant, who said his nominal wages were 5s. a week, was awarded £50 by the jury.

In his evidence, McCullough said the "tips" given by customers were put in a box, and, at the end of each week, the contents were divided into specified shares, according to length of service and position among the attendants.

When he drew his first week's money—£2—he noticed, according to an account shown, that the company deducted from that week's "tips" £12 for uniforms, and £1 for "unnamed calls." He was shown a printed statement that attendants agreed to the deduction of this £13 each week, from March to September, and, for the remaining months, £9 per week.

### PROPORTIONATE DISTRIBUTION.

Judge Woodfall said it was impossible, after hearing the evidence, to believe the statement that the company did not benefit by the arrangement which had been made in connection with these deductions from the amounts paid to the staff in the form of "tips."

A few days afterwards the chairman of the Carlton Hotel Company, at the annual meeting, said the system of having all "tips" handed over to the principal person and then distributed proportionately had been found to answer the best.

It led servants to do their best for their own customers, and to assist their colleagues. The shareholders, said the chairman, did not profit in any way by the "tips" received.

### WHERE BRITISH LAUNDRIES FAIL.

Victims Indignantly Send Clothing Abroad To Be Washed, Not Destroyed.

"An agency that could find private washerwomen for victims of the machine-laundry habit ought to make money in London," declared a recent arrival in London to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday.

"I have offered to pay double prices, to 'tip' as high as 2s. weekly above my laundry bill, but nothing avails, and the merciless laundry machines continue to grind my clothing to mince-meat," he went on.

"New collars came back unfit for wear from one laundry. Another laundry glossed my collars with starch so that they appeared blue-black, the dirt showing beneath the enamel."

"Numbers, I suppose, send their washing weekly not only to Ireland and France but as far as Spain. I could name a Duke who sends to the latter country."

"I can find at least a dozen persons in London who will join hands in sending their clothing to be washed in France if someone will undertake to collect and return it."

"I would like to know what John Burns and Will Crooks think of the apathy of the unemployed in this connection, for while all London is crying out for help not one of the out-of-work moves."

"Whether it is signed by an M.D. or an M.P., I do not know; the name is not in the medical directory," said the Official Receiver yesterday in reference to a debtor's medical certificate.

## INFANT HEALTH GROWTH AND WELFARE

Facts of the Greatest Interest to Parents and Nurses, well worthy of careful consideration.

### Article No. 2.

Every mother and every nurse is naturally anxious to guard baby from the assaults of illness. It is obvious in the nature of things that infants have less strength with which to resist attacks of illness than those of older years, and it is at the same time to be remembered that the effects of a serious illness in babyhood may last for the whole of life, and even shorten its duration. It is well to cure illness when it unfortunately occurs, but it is a thousand times better to prevent it by wise and timely precautions, and by endowing the little one with a good constitution, and it is wonderful how much may be effected in this direction by wise dieting.

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How is it that "Sweet St. Valentine" numbers so few votaries nowadays? Perhaps the modern girl does not know, or has forgotten, that the good saint offers her a glimpse into futurity with the prospect of a speedy union with her true love! The means to insure so happy a result are quite simple; all she has to do is to pluck five hay-leaves on the eve of the festival, and to pin them to the four corners and centre of her pillow. Then she will dream of her sweetheart, and if he be (as surely he should!) the first man she meets on St. Valentine's Day, she may rest assured that there were months have passed away he and she will be safely wed.

Do you distrust so seemingly-simple a spell? Here is another that has all the authority of long

one of his inimitable touches of whimsicality, "I must have laid out if we had not been Valentines." Later on he finds that "Mrs. Pierce's little girl" is his second Valentine, whereupon he remarks: "I am not sorry for't; it saving me of something I must have given to others."

No need, however, to suspect the kindly, garrulous man of meanness, for the custom obliging every gallant to make a gift to the lady by whom he was chosen, as well as to the lady he chose, as Valentine at the lottery on the previous evening, was apt to prove a serious expense. The Duke of York, afterwards James II., whom not even his worst enemies accused of undue lavishness, gave as much as £300 on one occasion for a piece of jewelry for his Valentine; whilst in another instance my Lord Manville presented the same fortunate lady, Miss Stuart, afterwards Duchess of Richmond, with a ring worth £300!

Though St. Valentine has lent his name to the Lovers' Festival, the martyred Bishop has really no connection with the rite beyond the fact that similar ceremonies were observed in ancient Rome during the Lupercalia, held at this season of the



A pretty hat for a spring-like day, made of mauve straw, with a wreath of pink rosebuds round the crown and a cluster of cream feathers and pink satin loops beneath the brim.

usage to give it weight. Take an egg; boil it hard, and remove the yolk, filling the cavity with salt. Eat this, shell and all, without speaking or drinking, on retiring to bed, and you may confidently rely on having vivid dreams. It will be your own fault if they are not propitious.

St. Valentine's Day is mating time, for Each little bird this tide Doth choose her loved peer.

and—

The first swain we see  
In spite of Fortune shall our true love be!

It is not so very long ago since St. Valentine's Day was responsible for a great increase in the postal deliveries, though the essential of a Valentine was originally that it should be personally delivered. Thus worthy Mr. Pepps notes in his delightful diary:—

"This morning came up to my wife's bedside (I being up dressing myself), little Will Mercer to be her Valentine, and brought her name written upon blue paper in gold letters, done by himself, very pretty; and we were both well pleased with it. But I am also this year my wife's Valentine, and it will cost me £5. But that," he adds, with

year in honour of the great god Pan, and Juno, the Queen of Heaven. The very name "Valentine" as applied to a lover seems to be borrowed from the old French "Valentine," which meant, originally, a girl hardy enough to brave public opinion by becoming engaged on the first Sunday in Lent, when, of course, love-making was considered highly out of season.

#### TO MAKE BOOTS WATERPROOF.

To prepare waterproofing for boots and shoes mix together in a saucepan over the fire two parts of tallow and one part of resin; warm the boots and apply the hot mixture with a painter's brush till they will not absorb any more. If the boots or shoes are well polished before applying the waterproofing they will take a polish afterwards.

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## MR. SANDOW

### WHY THE NEGRO HAS THICK LIPS AND WIDE NOSTRILS.

#### A Wonderful Provision of Nature.

The thick lips and large, capacious nostrils of the negro are not, as many people may imagine, a mere racial variation without any special physiological reason. Nature is not a mere creature of capricious habits, but a creator working under fixed, logical, and unchangeable laws; and the thick lips and wide nostrils of the negro are a wise provision to safeguard his health. These physical features are to him what "protective colouring" is to weak and defenceless wild birds and animals.

It is a well-known fact that white men, after being localised in tropical regions, are invariably the victims of liver torpor and other disorders of that large and important organ. The reason of this is that in torrid areas, in consequence of the expansion of the air by heat, less oxygen can be inhaled with each inspiration, so that there is not so much oxygen, or electricity, imparted to the system through the medium of the lungs as would be the case in colder climes, and the important work of the liver is thereby rendered more difficult.



The Negro's Wet Blankets.

But, in the case of the negro, born to breathe the sun-scorched atmosphere of tropical climes, the Natural law of compensation provides him with broader nostrils and greater depth and breadth of the respiratory apparatus, so that he can at each inspiration inhale a larger quantity of the heat-expanded atmosphere than the white man, with his compressed nostrils and less capacious lungs. The result is that his whole system becomes more fully oxygenated.

More remarkable still, however, is the manner in which those thick, broad lips—so ugly to look at from the white man's point of view—enable him to withstand the deleterious influences of tainted air in malarial districts. It is an established hygienic fact that the hanging of wet sheets or blankets at the open windows in malarial regions greatly purifies the air, water acting as a filter and checking the passage of any poisonous gases.

The negro has equally effective wet blankets or sheets at his mouth and nasal passages. The large lips and nostrils he possesses, with large surfaces of moist, red lining, act as disinfectant protectors, and so enable him to endure even the depressing and death-provoking atmosphere of the malarious tropics.

This is only one more instance of the generous way in which Nature assists mankind to fight against attacks of illness, if only her beneficent motives are not misconstrued or in any way frustrated. Unfortunately, the progress of civilisation has to a great extent hampered the charitable intentions of Nature.

Take, for instance, the important matter of food and nutrition. Man in the Natural state had to hunt and otherwise exert himself to obtain the necessary supplies; but artificial modes of life have changed all that, and have caused many to acquire sedentary habits and to ignore the necessity of bodily action to retain health and happiness.

Life has been defined by a very distinguished thinker as "organisation in action," and the regular, well-balanced action of all parts of an organised being is health. It is want of well-balanced action that has led to so enormous an increase in indigestion, constipation, insomnia, lack of nerve force, and nervous or functional disorders.

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	6	12	0	Kilda	5	11
Alert III.	a	12	0	aClonbrook	5	11
Stonewall	a	12	0	Kirby	5	11
Shooting Star II.	5	11	10	aMolly III.	5	11
Ringworm	a	11	9	Jane Morgan	4	10

## LATEST LONDON BETTING

A meeting will be held at headquarters on Friday, to make arrangements in connection with the final tie between the Sundial and Original Clerkenwell Angling Societies.

YESTERDAY'S BILLIARDS.

During a match with Stevenson at Manchester yesterday Dawson made a beautiful break of 543. Stevenson's best run was 314.

## SPORTING NEWS ITEMS.

Highgate Harriers (holders), Essex Beagles, Finchley Harriers, South London Harriers, Belgrave Harriers, Brighton and County Harriers, Cambridge Harriers, Elstree Athletic Club, Epsom Harriers, Hampstead Harriers, Herne Hill Harriers, Isledon Harriers, Kent Ath-

## LONDON AND THE F.A.

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### How 1,200 Clubs Have Bowed to the Governing Body.

The F.A. is not the giver of the laws of the land. Amateurs are up in arms. They intend to fight for the preservation of the game as a sport. They will regenerate Association football, and make it the game that it was twenty years ago. We want a sport, not an exercise of mere pains and penalties to which the game has degenerated in the hands of the F.A.

### HOSPITALS' RUGBY CUP.

The London fifteen outplayed Middlesex at every turn at Richmond yesterday, and scored 7 goals and 8 tries (58 points) to nothing. Oakley and Harrison, the London

dom Lloyd and Palmer were in tremendous form began scoring at the end of five minutes followed a steady accumulation of points.

AMATEUR CUP DRAW.

draw for the third round of the A. made at the F.A. offices, High Holborn

The ties are to be played on February 24, on the ground of the first-named club. Kick-off, 3.30.

TOTTENHAM CHARITY CUP.

ASSOCIATION.  
Plymouth: Plymouth Argyle v. Brentford (Western League).  
Portsmouth: Portsmouth v. Millwall (Western League).

### TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Portsmouth: United Services v. Cambridge University.

## RUGBY COMMITTEE'S UNENVIABLE TASK.

## TERRIBLE IRISH FORWARDS

BY TOUCH JUDGE

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That was the committee's mistake over the Welsh match. Against Ireland they committed the grave error of playing two such tall halves as Jago and Gormley. The folly of the proceeding was condemned by everyone who has the least knowledge of the Irish style of play. One would imagine that the committee had never seen an Irish pack. If my memory is right, only three of the committee saw the game at Cork last year, and not one was present at the Irish matches with Scotland and Wales.

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I should imagine that only four men—all of us journalists—saw all the Rugby internationals last season, and we all recognised the futility of playing two small men behind the English forwards. We knew what was bound to happen—that the Irish forwards were certain to break away a good many times with their fast, terrible rushes, and that they can only be stopped by strong, resolute men.

It was all right to play Jago and Gent against Wales because the Welsh forwards are, as a rule, content to hold the scrumgame and heel out. They play up to their backs, upon whom the onus of winning the match is placed. Irish methods are quite different. As I have before pointed out, their forwards are to smash up the opposition and go on to the ball. Midgets are of no use in a struggle of that kind. The retention of Jago would have been sound, as he is a plucky, clever player, but he needed a powerfully-built half to work with him.

What are we going to do in the matter of a team against Scotland? I have been reading some of the Northern critics on the point, and not unnaturally urge that something like a Northern pack should be chosen. I think they would be on sounder ground if the advocated that the North should supply the backs though there is a disposition to favour the retention of Jago and Jackett—a view with which I agree.

It is generally admitted, even by Welshmen, that our scrumraggers did very well against Wales, and personally I think they performed very creditably against Ireland. In the matter of brilliant foot-work and rapid open rushes they compared unfavourably with the Irish front rank, but in that particular phase of forward work Irish scrumraggers are pre-eminent. That is the essence of the Irish game. As Welsh teams are famed and feared by reason of the skill of their backs, so Irish forwards since a Rugby football was first kicked, have been renowned for their dash, resoluteness, and—well, something bordering on sheer recklessness.

Scottish, Welsh, and English forwards have been over-  
run by them many times. The New Zealanders, at  
Dublin, last November, were bundled over like a lot of  
sheep. Even in the days when the pack was strengthened  
and stiffened by the presence of forwards like Lawrie  
Hickson, Donald Jowett, Bradshaw, Bromet, and Bradley  
of Yorkshire, our men were rushed all over the place  
until the Irishmen had tired themselves out, and then  
thanks to sound defence and some skill in scoring in the  
last quarter of an hour, we just managed to scrape home.

That has been the history of many an encounter between Ireland and England, and the fact that our forward were not rushed off their legs on Saturday is significant. They more than held their own in the tight work, and wore down the opposition. They were not as quick in the open as their opponents, and no sensible person expected they would be. They accomplished all that was hoped of them—they held the scrummage.

I have no doubt there are some excellent scrummagers in the North, but it does not necessarily follow that would make a good pack. The close struggle between the Northern counties in the county competition suggests mediocrity. When half a dozen fifteens are about the same level, it is safe to assume they are all mediocre level players. The committee must do one of two things—pick an entirely fresh pack or retain the eight men who have in two matches done all that could reasonably be expected from a set of forwards. I advocate the latter course.

With regard to our backs, I would keep Jago as the scummage worker, and Jackett, despite his comparative failure at Lester, as the full-back, and pick the rest from the North. I would only urge one point—choose three three-quarters who are accustomed to play together. The wing men do not matter much, but a great deal depends on the centres being in thorough touch for they will have to face the brothers McLeod combination. And, above all, let us have a big, strapping chap as the stand-away half.







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FURNITURE.—Second-hand, equal to new; property of late Captain D.; removed from South Kensington; to be cleared without reserve.—The entire dining-room, which is of solid carved oak, Jacobean design, will be sold for 25s.; or separately as follows:—The magnificent suite, upholstered in crimson leather, exquisite quality, £29 9s.; large sideboard, design rarely seen, £7 15s.; extending dining-room table, 4s.; overmantel on suite, £2 12s. 6d.; cabinet coal receptacle, 27s. 6d.; iron and copper fender suite, 21s. The contents of bed drawing-room are as follows:—Sole Chesterfield suite with decorative Chippendale solid mahogany frames, 14s.; lofty Louis XIV. Chippendale cabinet 7s.; 2 fancy tables on suite, 10s. 6d. each; overmantel on suite, 25s.; etc., etc. The smaller drawing-room will be sold as follows:—Suite, upholstered in silk tapestry, £23 10s.; cabinet 4ft. wide, £3 7s.; brass fender and implements, 15s.; fancy table, 7s. 6d.; overmantel on suite, 21s. Morning-room furniture comprises:—Saddling suite, £25 10s.; ivory walnut overmantel to match, 19s. 6d.; extending dining-table, 40s.; large bordered Brussels carpet, 19s. 6d., etc., etc. The bedroom furniture is too numerous to describe; 6ft. 6in. Sheraton suite, 25s.; 5ft. ditto, 17s.; double solid walnut suite, £15 15s.; smaller walnut suite, 9s.; and decorated suite, £2 8s.; brass twin bedsteads, 4s. 15s.; Sheraton twin bedstead 9s.; full-size all-brass bedstead, £2 8s.; and black and brass ditto, from 12s. 6d. There is also the other 14s.; also collection of bronzes, plate, linen, pictures, coach-house and garden utensils. Goods selected can remain in store for 12 months.—Ridgeway's Furnishing Store and Depository, 272 and 274, Pentonville-rd., King's Cross, London, night facing King's Cross Station (Mid. Railway), most central position in London. On view 9 till 9; Thursdays 9 till 5. Goods packed and sent carriage paid to any part.

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PATCHWORK; lovely silks, velvets; 1s. large parcel.—Madame Rosine, 176, Ransden-rd., S.W.

PATCHWORK; 200 fancy silk pieces, 1s. 4d.—George, 33, Oxford-st., London.

PICTURE Postcards (beautiful coloured views, actresses); 25, 4d.; 50, 6d.; 100, 1s. 4d.; all different; post free.—Yorlin Bros., Huddersfield.

PICTURE Postcards; latest novelties; beautiful coloured views, actresses, jewelled cards; 50, 1s. 4d.; 100, 2s. 9d.; no rubbish.—Dietz Bros., Colverton, Forest Gate, London.

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SHAVE in the dark; quick and clean; the everlasting Mul-ti-cut Safety Razor is rapidly superseding the costly old 2s. 6d. comb; free list of makers.—Dogs, 4, 31-33, High Holborn. Agents wanted.

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